

Goodwin PTO Meeting NOTES
November 18, 2013
Goodwin Music Room 6:30-7:30

Present: Kristin Hempel, Trisha McNally, Meghan Silliman, Julie Klimkiewicz, Velda Forte, DebAdamczyk

Call to order – 6:35 PM

1) Officer's Reports

a) President's Report

i) Budget:

- o Need to raise \$4000 in order to maintain current programming commitments and still break even this year (on top of a predicted \$1000 school photos, \$800 box tops, \$1000 scholastic)

(1) Fundraisers

(a) School Mall

- (i) So far earned about \$60
- (ii) Will send out reminders about the website
- (iii) Will send out a generic email to send to contacts
- (iv) Does it have groceries or gas?

(b) Spirit Gear

- (i) Earned about \$280 so far
- (ii) Can people order on line

(c) Basketball

- (i) Very expensive & lots of work
- (ii) Could go route of more of a community event (kids versus community celebrities – principals, mayor, teachers?)
- (iii) UCONN can't really do anything

(d) Yearbook as a fundraiser –sponsor a page

b) Vice President

i) Square1 Art: Thursday, Feb 20th from 6:30-7:30

- (1) Start advertising in January (a flier) then emails
- (2) Sorority will help out
- (3) Will turn in a space request form in January

ii) Zumba: Friday, March 7th doors opened at 6:15, started at 7PM, \$10 donation

- (1) Trish will do a space request form
- (2) Will advertise around the same time

c) Treasures Report

- i) Profit of \$202.50 last month
- ii) Balance of \$17,316/82
- iii) More money came in for silent auction

- iv) Kristin made a motion to accept; seconded by Deb

- d) Secretary's Report
 - i) Backpack Brigade will be advertised after Winter Break to avoid conflict with other event

- e) Principal's Report
 - i) Looking forward to Thanksgiving – first time that Linda will be doing this & it will be fabulous – there will be a server per table
 - ii) Students want to do something to raise money for the Typhoon – a movie night in early Dec (12/5?) – proceeds to Shelterbox.com
- f) Conferences coming up – if you have questions or anything is bothering or concerning you, please write them down and bring them to conferences – if you can't make it, teachers are happy to reschedule things

- 2) PTO Business
 - a) Report on past events
 - i) Harvest Festival
 - (1) Turn out was good
 - (2) Needed volunteers to supervise the prize buckets – at least one person for every other door
 - (3) Haunted hallway was awesome
 - (4) Will need to take a new creative twist next year
 - ii) Parenting Workshop
 - (1) Good presenter, kept parents engaged, got a lot out of it
 - (2) Advice was good, but hard to keep up with & change the orientation of our interaction
 - (3) ShamimPatwawas pleased – if you have follow up questions, please contact her
 - iii) Scarecrow decorating
 - (1) Someone was sick, so it got rescheduled & it was freezing
 - (2) Not much of a turn out – 2 families
 - iv) School photos
 - (1) Mixed reviews on the class picture – it was pretty far away, but the artistic line up (Composition) was better
 - (2) Individual pictures were good
 - (3) Got them pretty quickly
 - (4) Retakes – how many were there?

 - b) Upcoming events
 - i) Yearbook
 - (1) Need to get volunteers
 - (2) Re-send on the electronic backpack
 - ii) Thanksgiving
 - (1) Doing great with volunteer recruitment

- (2) Decorations set – Nancy T pulls together table décor & Kitchen has purchased items
 - (3) School has help on hand as well – go to people – Cheryl and Dotty
 - (4) Deb will not be there until about 11
 - iii) Turn off TV Chair (April 7-11)
 - (1) Will send out an email
 - (2) Reach out to 2 people
 - (3) Sock Hop, playground night, spirit week
 - (4) Velda will consider it
 - (5) ** will do the bookfair that week too
 - iv) \$50 discretionary for each teacher
 - (1) Kristin made the motion not to fund this at this point – Trish seconded it
 - v) New Britain Rockets – fundraiser – we get a certain amount per ticket – they do a good amount to support schools
 - (1) What does the school get?
 - (2) What do they want to do?
 - (3) Do the Norwich Tigers do anything? – Julie will look into it
- 3) Meghan made a motion to adjourn at 7:35, Mandy seconded it.

To do:

- Trish: forward events list to Jess
- Karen Anger: put together do and don'ts of what to do in her room for babysitters
- Kristin: reach out to Katie I about the LifeTouch product v current
- Everyone: think of two people to reach out to
- Trish: will call about fundraising tickets to UCONN bball games
- For Jan meeting: (change to January 13th): present recommended bi-law changes
- Build up use of the schoolmall